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**Peter Gudrunas invites everyone to tour his Port Colborne studio**

DAVE JOHNSON  
Tribune Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Peter Gudrunas is confident in his hands and confident in what he does.

He has no choice but to be confident, especially when he's working with molten glass coming out of a more than 2,000° furnace.

"You have to concentrate on things ... you can't be distracted, and you can't walk away from what you are doing," the master glassblower says.

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## He's a real glass act

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The glassmaker will hold an open house April 20 and 21.

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## upfront

■ GLASSMAKER

## A 2,000-year-old tradition

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This coming weekend he'll hold an open house and spring sale at his studio, Sirius Glassworks, with glassblowing demonstrations twice a day. The studio at 2739 Hwy. 3 in Port Colborne will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

"It's the first one I've done in about 20 years. My daughters were keen to do it. I've already started to get a response from people," says Gudrunas, who has two daughters. "It takes five days to get ready for this."

During the open house, he'll give quick demonstrations on glassblowing, something that has several elements to it.

"I'll make a goblet, draw out the set, gather and shape the foot."

Glassmaking, he says, has been around for 2,000 years, and developed rather quickly. Not much, he adds, has changed in that time.

"Things are more convenient now. We have gas, electricity ... they used to cut down forests for fuel and then move on when the trees were too far away."

The furnaces used by Gudrunas are a vast improvement in technology since the early days of glassmaking. And the ones he has at his studio, he made himself.

"I built one for about \$3,000 and it would cost around \$30,000 to buy."

The glassmaker graduated from both Shenkar School of Design and Georgian College

in design arts studies.

"I was interested in glass and pursued it," says Gudrunas, adding it's difficult for him to explain why he became interested. "I wanted to do it and it stuck."

And stuck it has.

The 63-year-old has been making pieces for the past 40 years, and his studio on Hwy. 3, opened in 1984, is the third one he's had.

It's been a lot of trial and error along the way, and "time wasted, too, when I think about it."

But even that wasted time served a purpose and his hands and eyes worked together while forming pieces.

"There's a dynamic between the hands and the eyes."

Working with powdered quartz and limestone, he's created all manner of glasswork that's been sold in shops, and on exhibit in galleries. He's also done commission work, including free-form lamps, shades for oil lamps and other pieces.

"It's very hard, very physical ... you're never idle. Holding 20 kilos of molten glass is tremendously heavy ... it can be physically exhausting."

But working with glass over the past four decades, he has full confidence in what he does, and how he works.

"Glass welds beautifully together, welds like nothing else and flows together."

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DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Peter Gudrunas looks inside one of his furnaces at his studio, Sirius Glassworks in Port Colborne. The glassmaker will hold an open house April 20 and 21.



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Some of Peter Gudrunas's work.



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Some of Peter Gudrunas's work.



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# portraits

■ **PORT CARES:** Niagara College lends a hand

# Making it a home

VICTORIA GRAY  
InPort News Staff

**PORT COLBORNE** — It takes an entire community and all the hands they have to bring a dream to life.

More than 30 construction studies and event management students helped Port Cares Reach Out Food Centre staff, volunteers and more than 200 families achieve the dream of a second home they can take pride in.

On Saturday, students who

ran the 2013 Many Hands project unveiled completed renovations at the centre on Nickel St. in Port Colborne.

Centre manager Andrea Birrell said the dining room doesn't feel like an institution anymore.

"Part of the reason we did this was to make this place feel more like a restaurant and less institutional," she said. "For a lot of people this is like a second home and we want it to feel that way."

Representatives from

## Port Cares Reach Out Food Centre Community Food Bank

■ **219** families provided with food every month

■ **147,952** lbs of food was distributed in 2012

■ **52,229** lbs of food was distributed in 2011

Niagara College, Canadian Tire Financial, the centre and members of the community gathered to be among to first to tour the site.

College president Dan Patterson said the 18th annual Many Hands project made everyone at the college and in the community proud.

"Part of the culture at Niagara College is good citizenship and you've demonstrated that here today," he said.

Construction students spent every Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the last four months, knocking out a dividing wall in the dining room, building a children's play area, building a security separation between the dining room and kitchen, creating a permanent structure for garbage collection outside, adding light fixtures, installing windows, insulating the floor, replacing the vinyl flooring, created storage space under the stairs, painted and trimmed the dining room and more.

And it didn't cost Port Cares a cent. Event management students raised about \$6,000 through five events held across the region and Canadian Tire Financial donated \$5,000 to help foot the bill.

The Many Hands project even had enough left over to donate \$3,000 to the centre to



VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo

Chair of the Many Hands Committee Cathy Tamchyna left her mark on the new children's play area in the Port Cares Reach Out Centre in Port Colborne, Ont.

help purchase new dining room furniture.

Port Cares executive director Lynda Reinhardt said the project helped make the centre a more functional and durable space that will allow

friendly. When we moved in we didn't think we would need as much storage as we do and the expertise of students made it happen for us."

The Reach Out Centre offers lunch and dinner three times a week in addition to running a food bank and many other educational and beneficial programs.

Right now the food bank shelves are nearly empty. There is no juice, no canned pasta and they are down to just under 10 boxes of crackers and Birrell says what they have won't last long.

"We need a lot of different things," she said. "Every month more and more people come, but this time of the year is hard."

To donate drop items off at the centre or call 905-835-1914 ext. 23.

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Port Cares Reach Out Food Centre Manager Andrea Birrell in the newly renovated storage space under the centre's stairs in Port Colborne, Ont.

## PORT CARES

Port Cares Reach Out Food Centre Community Food Bank shelves are almost empty.

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All donations can be dropped off food bank at 61 Nickel St. in Port Colborne.

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## Wind blows

Wind blows — and so, sadly, does the Liberal government's Green Energy Act.

Even before the Fraser Institute came out with its damning report on wind and solar energy, the writing was on the wall. Turbines have wrecked havoc on rural Ontario, ruining the countryside, pitting neighbour against neighbour as wind farms sprouted on once lovely fields. We've gone from generating the cheapest electricity in the world to the most expensive in North America.

The report, *Environmental and Economic Consequences of Ontario's Green Energy Act*, authored by Ross McKittrick, recalls provincial Auditor General Jim McCarter's scathing 2011 report, in which he said the province has already lost \$2 billion in electricity exports because power generated by wind often has to be exported at a loss.

"Eighty percent of Ontario's generation of electricity from wind power occurs at times and seasons so far out of phase with demand that the entire output is surplus and is exported at a substantial loss," the Fraser report says.

Data from the Independent Electricity System Operator shows Ontario now loses, on average, \$24,000 per operating hour on such sales, totalling \$200 million annually."

Turbines have proven to be a political liability for the Liberals.

Former energy critic Vic Fedeli is all for all for nothing — there's no more "green" energy now than there was before the Green Energy Act in 2009.

"Wind power does not replace coal," he said. "Coal was replaced by electricity generated by nuclear and gas," he said. "Coal is now 14%. Nuclear and gas are up 14%."

Wind power has replaced another renewable — water. The amount of hydro electricity generated in 2009 was about 25%. That's gone to 22%. Wind now sits at 3% of production.

Cheaper forms of energy are sold to rack back production and are replaced by costly wind power, Fedeli said. Ontario Power Generation is routinely told to spill water at Niagara Falls, to reduce the amount of hydroelectric power generated. That cost \$300 million last year.

Premier Kathleen Wynne defend wind turbines.

"The work that we're doing on cleaning the air in Ontario is of immeasurable benefit to people who have respiratory diseases, respiratory challenges, kids with asthma," she said.

The Fraser Institute disagrees. It questions the environmental benefits and says further cost hikes of 40-50% will be a result.

Once upon a time Ontario was the manufacturing heartland of Canada. We had ample, cheap electricity that attracted business. Factories have shut down. Jobs have gone. For what? To replace the cleanest, greenest energy in the world — from water with the costliest, ugliest form of energy — wind.

Like I said, it blows.

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### ■ COLUMN

## One woman who married herself

Boy oh boy, talk about men becoming redundant and therefore dying off as a species. Women are replacing men in the workplace, they are outnumbering them at colleges and universities and they are now the primary income earners of the North American household. Just when you thought the male role in society could not be further diminished, along comes a new phenomenon — "self-marriage".

In a recent marriage ceremony in Las Vegas complete with family and friends, flowers and long gowns, 36-year-old Nadine Schweigert of Fargo, North Dakota married... herself.

At first the presiding minister was a bit confused: "Do you Nadine take yourself seriously, no, sorry do you Nadine take you Nadine as your lawful, wedded... what are we calling this again?"

Nadine, who wore a long, satin, peacock-blue dress and carried a cluster of white roses said she felt "empowered, very happy, very joyful" after the civil ceremony in which she became lawfully married to herself. In the event of a marital split, Nadine will likely require an exorcist instead of a lawyer.

During the marriage ceremony — and I am not making any of this up — Nadine exchanged rings with her "inner groom." I'm not sure just how firmly Nadine's feet are planted on the ground of harsh reality, but if she can get her "inner groom" to cut the lawn and take out the garbage... David Copperfield is looking for a partner.

When the minister came to the end of the ceremony with the standard line: "You may kiss the bride," Nadine found herself one man short of a two-person lip lock. So she encouraged her 45 invited guests to "blow kisses to the world." Which they did, enthusiastically. So far, the world has not yet responded in kind.

After suffering through a painful divorce six years ago in which her two kids decided to live with their father, Nadine was sad and desperate for happiness. A friend asked her why she needed someone to marry in order to be happy. "Marry yourself," she suggested. Nadine claims the self-marriage is a way of taking responsibility for her own happiness and deciding that only she is accountable for her life. "I'm on my own."

I do not want to speculate on what took place on the wedding night, but I understand the woman in the next hotel room, unable to stand the noise called down to the bar and said: "I'll have whatever she's having!"

Nadine also takes herself out on regular dates in order to "invest in the relationship." And I'm fine with that until they're sitting behind me at the cinema.



and Nadine's inner groom starts talking inaudibly during the movie then... then I'm calling the imaginary manager.

I know this one-person wedding sounds a little nutso at first, but there are some definite benefits. First and foremost... no in-laws. There's fifty percent of married life's grief gone right there. You don't have to share the remote and you always get the last butter tart in the box. Plus you never have to enter the bathroom holding a wet cloth on your face.

And, if you really do miss having a man around the house you can rent a guy to nag or phone the local bar and just for the fun of it, yell: "Tell my sis-ass husband if he isn't home in fifteen minutes, I'm dumping his dinner in the carburetor and flushing his car with Rogaine down the toilet!"

A woman who is her own spouse could be creating a marriage of incoherence. Who's going to look up her dress or thread the loop through the other loop on the necklace? A woman marrying herself can also be a high-risk adventure. The next time Nadine is looking at her backside in the mirror and asks: "Do I look fat in these jeans?" — she's liable to get an honest answer.

And even more dangerous is the idea of exorcism. I mean who's going to hold the ladder? Plus you have to pay that single

supplement penalty when you go on your honeymoon. And dancing with yourself on the cruise boat? Even passengers sleeping on deck and eating onion sandwiches on a Carnival cruise are going to find that rather strange.

Nadine Schweigert's self-marriage may sound strange until you consider the union of a woman named Erika from San Francisco who five years ago married the Eiffel Tower. Her full name is — what else? — Erika LaTour Eiffel and they live in a really, really, really tall apartment building on the outskirts of Paris. Erika's first beard, sorry, first infatuation was a bow named Lance that helped her become a world-class archer. Not to make the Eiffel Tower squirm on its foundation but — and yes, I did mention I'm not making this stuff up — Erika says she has a crush on the Berlin Wall. Let's hope Erika never passes through Vegreville, Alberta and catches a glimpse at the world's largest Easter egg. I mean if she's thinking of starting a family and tries to hatch that thing, well that could be awkward.

Marriage? Remember two people standing side by side at a shotgun-wedding? Anybody care to toast the bride, the outer groom and the good of days?

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■ **THEATRE:** Shortened season to kick off in June

# Wind back in Showboat's sails



Showboat Festival Theatre will live to see another season, despite an announcement made last fall that the organization would cease operation.

Tribune File Photo

MARYANNE FIRTH  
nPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — The curtain has not closed on Showboat Festival Theatre.

Despite an announcement made last fall that the stormy economy had sunk the artistic staple in the lakeside city, Showboat has managed to stay afloat.

It was announced at Monday night's Port Colborne city council meeting that the theatre's summer season at Roselawn Centre, albeit shortened, will move forward.

Showboat has been taken under the wing of Lighthouse Festival Theatre of Port Dover.

"This arrangement is a marriage of the minds," Lighthouse artistic director Derek Ritschel

told council.

"Showboat was having trouble and Lighthouse was able to come in and help."

Showboat is one of only 25 professional summer theatres in the province.

"We felt strongly that Port Colborne's not close because we are a family, these 25 theatres," Ritschel said, calling the theatres an integral part of the "artistic fabric of Ontario."

"One of them closing is not acceptable."

Ritschel stressed that Showboat is still Port Colborne's theatre and while some minor changes will be made to the business aspects of the organization, the same quality of live entertainment will remain.

"This is your theatre. We

respect it. We want to make sure it thrives for many, many years to come."

One change return patrons will notice is that staging is not in the round as in the past, but instead proscenium.

"It's a shortened season, but a very powerful season," Ritschel said of Showboat's coming productions.

"We're very proud of it... We have the passion, the infrastructure, now we're just looking for the audience."

Through its 350-seat theatre, Lighthouse is about to draw about 40,000 people to Port Dover annually, generating a \$4.5-million economic impact for the community, Ritschel said.

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## ■ SHOWBOAT

# Countless e-mails pleading for theatre to be saved



## FROM PAGE B1

"We have every intention of growing (Showboat) theatre the same way to benefit the city of Port Colborne."

Lighthouse also commits about 10% of its ticket sales to local charities, a trend Ritschel suspects will likely continue with Showboat.

The intention is to also find stories of Port Colborne and its relationship with Lake Erie and to put those stories on stage, Ritschel said.

"This is certainly wonderful news," said Ward 4 Coun. Ron Bodner, who spearheaded the Friends of Roselawn group in hopes of seeing the heritage building remain an artistic hub in the community.

"It's great to see a professional theatre come in and take on the dark days that could have been."

Mayor Vance Badawey thanked the Lighthouse board for showing inter-

est in the Port Colborne community and allowing the live theatre tradition to continue.

The city received countless e-mails from residents in Port Colborne and well beyond its borders pleading for the theatre to be salvaged. Badawey said, pleased he'll now be able to provide those residents with positive news.

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■ **MUNICIPAL FINANCE:** Port Colborne reports 2012 city

# Did you get your money's worth?

**MARYVANNE FIRTH**  
InPort News Staff

**PORT COLBORNE** — Councillors here kept their spending in check in 2012.

Council, which cost taxpayers a total \$179,736, came in under budget for the expenses they claimed last year.

"All of the councillors have been pretty diligent, watching where they go which conferences they go to and if they can bring something back that's useful to both council and staff," said Peter Senese, director of community and corporate services.

"They do fall within budget. They know well what their budgets are."

Councillors receive a base pay of \$9,458 each plus benefits, with additional funds in varying amounts for sitting on different committees. The mayor receives a base salary of \$32,685.

Including benefits and expenses, Mayor Vance Badaway was paid \$46,519 in 2012.

Ward 1 COUN. Dave Elliott was next in line with \$18,626, followed closely by Ward 3 COUN. Bea Kenny at \$18,246 and Ward 1 COUN. Bill Steele at \$18,201.

Rounding the council table was Ward 2 COUN. Angie Desmarais at \$17,212, Ward 3 COUN. Frank Danch at \$16,096, Ward 4 COUN. Ron Bodner and Ward 2 COUN. Yvon Doucet both at \$15,926 and lastly Ward 4 COUN. Barbara Butters at \$10,984.

Each councillor, aside from Butters, received \$6,466 in health benefits, life insurance and con-

tributions to OMERS — one of Canada's largest pension plans.

Butters received significantly less, only \$598, as she receives benefits through her husband's plan.

Badaway received a total \$49,571 in benefits, an increase due to the addition of long-term disability benefits and adjustment of OMERS contribution based on salary.

Councillors and the mayor spent a total \$6,670 of the \$11,000 budgeted for conferences in 2012.

In addition, Badaway claimed \$1,719 in travel expenses, for which \$2,200 was budgeted.

Comparing Port Colborne's costs to those in other communities, Senese said the lakeside city's mayor and council costs are "pretty reasonable."

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\$1,061: Angie Desmarais (Ward 2)  
\$882: Barbara Butters (Ward 4)  
\$0: Bill Steele (Ward 1)  
\$0: Yvon Doucet (Ward 2)  
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# Popular book riot moves

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**NIAGARA FALLS** — An annual tradition meets a new location.

This year marks the 36th annual Nova House Book Riot. But this time, it will be held at the Niagara Falls Sportsplex on Simkins Ave. next month.

Due to Optimist Park being sold for development, the book riot, as well as many other organizations, have been looking for new locations to house their events.

Event organizer Haley Bateman says they are nervous about the new location, but it seems to be a good alternative.

"The Sportsplex is a great venue. It's going to give us a larger area to fit more tables, have wider aisles and more comfortable flooring," she says. "People looking for that special book won't have to look as hard."

In previous years, Optimist Park provided

the book riot with 720 square metres of space, which held about 110 tables. Books would be piled, not only on top of them, but also scattered underneath.

The Sportsplex will have about 4,320 square metres of space.

The book riot will need about half, which will give them an additional 40 tables to set up on.

Volunteers have already been working hard to sort books and donations they have previously received.

Donations to the book riot can be made by dropping off gently-used books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles and board games at Sentinel Self Storage on Kent Ave. during business hours.

They will also be accepting donations at the Sportsplex from May 6 at 9 a.m. until May 8 at 3 p.m. Volunteers and students are welcome. People interested in volunteering can call 905-556-3933 ext. 239.

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#### City of Port Colborne Storm Sewer System Infrastructure Needs Study

The City of Port Colborne covers an area of approximately 12,380 ha with a serviced area of 2,388 ha and a population of approximately 19,200. The City provides storm drainage through a network of storm sewers, ditches and municipal drains.

The City of Port Colborne is initiating a **Storm Sewer System Infrastructure Needs Study**. The objective of the Study is to undertake a comprehensive analysis and review of the City's existing storm sewer network to identify existing and potential future deficiencies in the collection of storm water runoff and address storm water discharge quality.

The City is committed to developing a comprehensive plan that will incorporate all facets of the management, expansion and funding of the Storm Drainage System over a 25-year timeframe.

The Study will provide the City with strategies necessary to manage infrastructure improvements and growth in the most effective and efficient manner. The study will also identify the individual projects required to complement these strategies, and prioritize these projects based on need.

This Study will be conducted in accordance with the Master Plan Approach of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) process. An integral component of this study will be public consultation with various interested stakeholders. A Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held in the near future to provide information regarding the study findings on existing infrastructure condition and capacity, and level of service. Details will be advertised as the study progresses. Input received will be considered in the preparation of the study document.

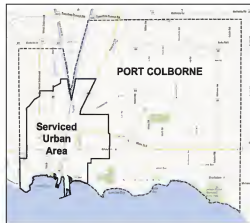
A mailing list for notification purposes is being prepared. If you are interested in being included on the mailing list, or if you have any questions, please contact either of the individuals listed below:

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STUDY AREA



#### SAFETY AT FOREFRONT FOR WAINFLEET GROUP

**WAINFLEET** – Wainfleet residents have chance to voice their concerns about crime, public health, traffic management and other matters concerning public safety. The township's community safety advisory committee is looking for volunteers interested in safety promotion.

Working in partnership with the township and its citizens, volunteer committee members take an active role in planning community-based strategies to help promote a safer community.

Volunteers from all areas of the community are encouraged to apply. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information contact committee chairman Ron Kramer by e-mail at [ron@rkmr.com](mailto:ron@rkmr.com) or phone 905-834-4341.

#### CONSUMER SCAMS AND FRAUDS PRESENTATION FOR SENIORS

**PORT COLBORNE** – The Seniors Advisory Committee of Port Colborne, in partnership with local senior centres, Port Cares and Bridges Community Health Centre, will offer a safe-style presentation for seniors on consumer issues, such as scams and frauds.

The presentation will cover topics such as examples of common scams and frauds, and how to recognize and report. It will take place on Wednesday, April 24, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the L.R. Wilson Heritage Archives, 286 King St., Port Colborne, and will be led by Community Legal Services of Niagara South. There is no cost and registration is not required. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Port Colborne community services department at 905-834-1666.

#### BEYOND AUSTERITY

**THOROLD** – Social Assistance Reform Network of Niagara will present Beyond Austerity: A forward-looking vision for Ontario at Niagara Region headquarters in late April.

Trish Hennessy, director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) Ontario office, will lead the conversation and talk about how Ontario has become the second worst province in Canada for growing income inequality.

She talk about steps to take to make Ontario more equal and more socially, as well as economically, sustainable. Following the presentation there will be a question and answer period.

It will be held Wednesday, April 24, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in council chambers at regional headquarters, 2201 St. David's Rd., Thorold.

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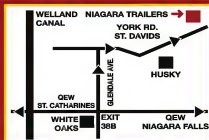


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## IN BRIEF

### NEW NAME FOR TRACK

**PORT COLBORNE** — The walking/jogging track at Vale Health and Wellness Centre has a new name.

Ottavio Tulini, pharmacist/owner of Port Medical Pharmacy, presented Mayor Vance Badway with a cheque for \$50,000 Monday night for business sponsorship of the track.

### FASHION FUNDRAISER

**PORT COLBORNE** — Check out all the latest fashions at Spring Fashion Fling and help raise funds for save the lives of abused equines at the same time.

The fundraising event will be held Sunday, April 28, at Brebeuf Hall, 300 Killaly St. East, Port Colborne, with doors opening at 12:30 p.m.

Fashions will be provided by Absa-Fashion-Lutely and the Wishing Well, and unique vendors.

All proceeds go to Last Chance Horse and Pony Rescue, which saves the lives of abused equines. Last Chance Horse and Pony Rescue has expanded its rescue focus to include educating children with disabilities as well as young adults from community living and correctional services in the responsible care of the animals.

For more information visit <http://lchpr.org/>

Tickets are now available. For more information or to purchase a ticket for \$25 which includes lunch, call Sue at 905-834-7988.

### ILLEGAL DUMPING

**PORT COLBORNE** — Bill Steele is asking residents to keep an eye out for illegal dumpers.

The Ward 1 councillor shared concerns Monday night of people dumping trash in front of the large charitable donation box behind Boggio Pharmacy that backs onto the Food Basics parking lot.

If someone calls in a tip that leads to the conviction of illegal dumpers, the city provides a \$300 reward.

"If we catch you, look out," Steele said.

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■ **GREEN ENERGY:** Township sending formal message to new premier

# Wainfleet: We don't want your turbines

DAVE JOHNSON  
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — Niagara's largest geographic municipality has declared itself an "unwilling host" for turbines. With Premier Kathleen Wynne talking about possible policy changes in the Green Energy Act and

stating that communities that don't want turbines won't have to host them, Ald. Betty Konc put forward a motion recently to have Wainfleet declared an "unwilling host" for turbines.

The motion passed unanimously.

Wainfleet follows the lead of Grey Highlands, and Prince Edward County and North Perth also expected to follow suit. All four municipalities are part of a committee — called

One Voice — formed during a symposium on wind turbines in Wainfleet in late February.

Wynne said it from the night she was put in the job that willing communities would have wind turbines and unwilling communities wouldn't. We're hoping that's true because she keeps talking about it," Konc said Wednesday morning.

Konc said One Voice hopes the premier actually follows through with her statements and finds a way to determine which municipalities are willing hosts and which aren't.

Though Wainfleet has gone on record as being opposed to wind turbines in the community, passing a moratorium against them and passing a bylaw with stricter setbacks than prescribed by the province, the

alderman has no doubt there are communities in which turbines are wanted.

"It's all about the money ... proposed vibrancy funds."

One wind turbine company, she said, offered the township funds that it could use for whatever it wanted, but that was turned down.

"A lot of the communities don't want the money. It



Konc

doesn't matter if it would help, because by taking the money it sends a message that they're accepting of wind turbines."

Though health issues pertaining to turbines are a concern for Konc, the bigger issue for her is the financial impact they have. It's an issue that's not raised all that much, she added.

She said with people who get sick from wind turbines are just abandoning their homes, and municipalities suddenly lose tax revenue.

"That's a revenue stream that's not coming into the municipality."

The loss of valuable farm-

land is also a problem, she said. Though a turbine may take up one acre, it leaves a larger footprint, up to three acres, when access roads and underground power supplies are factored in.

"That's a loss of acreage, and farmers feed cities. We can't do without food ..."

Konc said animals are more sensitive than humans when it comes to low frequency noise generated by wind turbines. If farmers have trouble with raising feed animals near turbines, that's more revenue lost to them and the community.

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## ■ TURBINES

# 'We're going to shoot ourselves in the foot'

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"If we continue down this path we're going to shoot ourselves in the foot over this. It's scary when you start to add things up."

The alderman said One Voice also came up with some reasonable policy changes the province could implement if Wynne follows through on her promise to

revamp the Green Energy Act.

Konc is hoping a face-to-face meeting with the premier and ministers involved can be arranged.

There is a sense of urgency to try and get changes to the act made this month, as Wynne has suggested might happen, said the alderman.

With Wainfleet Wind Energy Inc.'s paperwork before the province and sitting in the queue to be approved, Konc said there's a possibility its five-turbine

project could get in before policy changes are made, especially if the act isn't changed this month.

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# Wainfleet loses lawsuit

DAVE JOHNSON  
InPort News Staff

**WAINFLEET** — A Superior Court of Ontario judge has ruled Wainfleet's two-kilometre setback for wind turbines invalid.

The decision came down last Friday in the lawsuit brought about by Wainfleet Wind Energy Inc. and its owners the Loeffler family and Tom Rankin, head of Rankin Construction, after the township passed its setback bylaw last year.

The bylaw was an attempt by to supersede the Green Energy Act, which prescribes a 550-metre setback — the distance between a residential property and a turbine.

"I know there's going to be a lot of disappointed people," said Mayor April Jeffs, who called *The Tribune* after learning of the decision late Friday afternoon.

Jeffs, with obvious disappointment in her voice, said as much as people outside of Wainfleet think there's no reason to be opposed to wind



Rankin

are worried about their health, getting sick and having to leave their homes. They're also worried about property devaluation," she said, adding that,

too, was one of her concerns.

Jeffs said some of the five wind turbines proposed by Wainfleet Wind Energy Inc. could have a potential impact on Skydive Burnaby.

"I feel like this is a loss for the people ... they were really hoping we'd made some head-



Jeffs

way. It's a loss not just for our residents, but for residents in Haldimand, West Lincoln and beyond."

Despite the judgment, and her own disappointment in the decision rendered by Justice R.B. Reed, the mayor said the decision is not a total loss.

Wainfleet, she said, has paved the way for other municipalities in Ontario and has grabbed a lot of attention in the fight against wind turbines.

"We've collaborated with a lot of other municipalities and will continue to do that ... we'll

still push forward on this issue," said Jeffs, adding the township has had a lot of support in its fight.

The mayor doesn't know yet whether Wainfleet will appeal the decision as she had yet to speak to other councillors. She planned to speak with aldermen and various residents late Friday.

While no dollar figure has been established, sources said the lawsuit could cost Wainfleet upwards of \$200,000 for its costs and that of Wainfleet Wind Energy Inc.



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■ **ACCOLADES:** Jordan Muileboom youth citizen of the year

# Port High teen a champion of children

VICTORIA GRAY  
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Jordan Muileboom always tries to stay positive and help younger generations thrive.

The Grade 12 student from Port Colborne High School was given the Youth Citizen of the Year Award at Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce's annual President's Award reception, held last week at the Italian Canadian Cultural Centre.

James Brennan from Grant Thornton, who introduced Muileboom, said he was nominated because of his tireless efforts to improve the lives of others in the community.

"He shows concern and caring for all members of the community," Brennan said. "He demonstrates a maturity

beyond his years."

Muileboom is a supervisor and mentor in the Youth to Youth program that matches Grade 9 students with senior students who become mentors. He was responsible for promoting the program, recruitment and training mentors.

He spends his study period at Port High volunteering in the School to Community Program, he takes part in anti-bullying campaigns, is a member of the Blue Bears football team and an honour roll student.

"My absolute goal is to always to stay positive and my hopes will always be high for the next generation because I know we can all make a small difference in the world and a bigger difference in the wonderful city of Port Colborne," he said.

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Jordan Muileboom.

VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo

## ■ ACCOLADES

# Citizens honoured

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Mulleboom works at Community Living with a five-year-old with mobility issues.

He supervises Community Living's cooking club, teaching children about cooking and healthy food choices. He also volunteers as a mentor at public schools and at Port Cares' Reach Out Centre.

He thanked the community for helping to make him the person he is.

"The truth is, I really don't deserve this award because I was just doing my job and in the end I will always be there for the special needs of the children of Port Colborne," he said.

Robert Shibley was named citizen of the year for his work as a foster parent and as a volunteer with Christianview Ministry.

The Business of the Year Award was given to Antonio Ricci of Ricci's Auto Truck and Industrial Repair for his commitment to customer service and employing co-op and apprenticeship students.

Claudia Spiteri, owner of Eataly Foods Inc., won the award for new business of the year, for making her restaurant a destination.

Gail Todd received the award for women in business for her dedication to the arts in Port Colborne, hosting many charity events and for brightening the downtown with her store, Something Else.

The Employee of the Year Award went to Donna Martens Gamm from 91.7 Giant FM for her positive attitude and excellent customer service.

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### Citizen of the year

- Winner: Robert Shibley

### Nominees:

Gary Hoyle, Bob Saracino, Betty Kone (Wainfleet)

### New business of the year

- Winner: Eataly Foods Inc.

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### Youth citizen of the year

- Winner: Jordan Mulleboom, Port Colborne High School

### Nominees:

Catherine Desy, Lakeshore Catholic High School; Brittany Roach, Lakeshore Catholic High School

### Employee of the year

- Winner: Donna Martens Gamm, 91.7 Giant FM

### Nominees:

Ashley Rodgers, Hands on Health Corp.

### Women in Business Award

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■ **CULTURE:** Environmentally-friendly exhibit at Arts Place next weekend



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Ewelina Fanfara, left, and Vanessa Iannantuano, right, art teachers at Lakshore Catholic High School, with their rade nine art students taking part in the fourth annual Green Art Show taking place at Arts Place Gallery in Port Colborne on April 20 to 21.

## Student artists going green

JORDAN AUBERTIN

For InPort News

PORT COLBORNE — It's a green theme art show.

Lakshore Catholic High School in Port Colborne will be taking part in the fourth annual Green Art Show being held

at Arts Place Gallery in Port Colborne on the weekend of April 20 and 21.

The show which runs noon to 5 p.m. both days is meant for local artists and students to showcase their art dealing with a green theme.

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## ■ ARTISTS

# 'Real world experience' with art

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Visitors will vote on the pieces they think best portray a quality in one of several categories, says Dean Tedesco, executive director of Community Artists Niagara. The winners of the categories will be rewarded with money or donated prizes from local businesses.

The show will have about 15 pieces of art from Lakeshore students, says high school art teacher Vanessa Iannantuono. Students have been working on their pieces for about two and a half weeks.

The artwork is done in a mixed media style — "that just means you're creating

artwork out of a variety of mediums."

The artwork that the students made is created from conventional means, like paint and plaster, as well as by using different items found around the house, including recyclables, green products and any other objects the students theme of green could encompass to create an environmentally-friendly message.

"It's really important for them (students) to experience what the art community has to offer beyond our school," says Iannantuono.

The gallery gives the students a chance

to "get some real world experience with what you can do with art beyond taking it in high school."

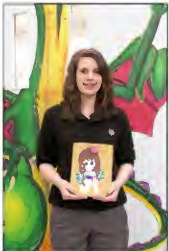
Port Colborne High School will also be taking part in the exhibition.

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JORDAN AUBERTIN Tribune Photo  
James Robinson, showing his submission "the wall"



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Lakeshore Catholic High School student  
Morgan Heyde shows her submission  
"Self-Sustainability"



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Hannah Visser, art student at Lakeshore  
Catholic High School, showing off her  
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## BLUE BEARS TO SEE THE JAYS

For InPort News

PORT COLBORNE — Port

Colborne High School has planned an end of the year trip for the school. It has reserved a section for a Toronto Blue Jays game against the Atlanta Braves. The game against the Braves

will be held on Tuesday, May 28th and the school will be heading out by coach bus to cheer on the Jays.

"It's something we have never done as a school. I think we will get a great turn out this year, showing awesome blue bear spirit," said student, Evan Thomas.

The Jays are holding a banner competition for the three secondary schools attending the game. The banner competition needs to have the Jays logo, along with the schools logo and the best banner will win a \$500 bursary for their school.

"This will be one of the best end of the year trips yet. There is something about watching a baseball game at the stadium, I think our school will really enjoy the experience. It's trips like these that we will remember ten years down the road," said Grade 12 student Matthew Pilon.

Port High's student council will be raffling off a Jays jersey in preparation for the trip. Though the game is not until May, tickets at the school are selling fast. The Blue Bears are rallying up their Port High spirit now, to bring to cheer on the Blue Jays in May.

coffeehouse showcase.

The event will be held on Wednesday, May 8th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Port High's front foyer. The evening will be filled with many of the Blue Bears' student such as, Frequency, Jazz Bands, Flex, and much more.

"I am very excited for coffee house. It is a great way to showcase our school's talents, as well as the hard work and dedication from student council," student council prime minister Farrah Gibbs said.

Along with the long list of talents, the community has the opportunity to purchase coffee, waffles, tea, and other treats from student council. Coffee and tea will be sold for \$1.50, milkshakes for \$2.50, and assorted baked goods sold for \$1.50.

"Student council's coffeehouse is a fantastic way to raise money, get community involvement, and show off the talent at Port High. Also, the milkshakes and baked goods are delicious and recommended to everyone," said council member Katelyn Tuck.

Applications for Port High's student council will be available at the coffeehouse for all returning Blue Bear students in the fall. The applications can be dropped off at this event or at the school before Friday, May 10th.

The coffeehouse is open to the public, and is a great way for the community to see what the Blue Bears have to offer. All costs made during this event will go to student council for other upcoming events.

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Chris Smith, co-owner of Boarder Pass, about to grind on a new rail at the Sugarloaf Harbor Marina in Port Colborne on April 9.

## ■ NIAGARA BOARDER PASS: Second season starts

## Big waves in harbour

JORDAN AUBERTIN  
For InPort News

PORT COLBORNE — The boards are hitting the water.

Niagara Boarder Pass is about to open for the season and wakeboard and wakeskaters have already been on the water testing out one of the new features at the Port Colborne sports attraction.

Boarder Pass also has a park in Sarnia and is set to open a new wakeboard-wakeskate park in Binbrook in May.

Boarder Pass came to Port Colborne last year and did "better than expected," said co-owner Chris Smith, adding the community has been good to the business.

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## ■ WAKEBOARDING

# Boarder Pass parks change to create new experience for riders

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"We made our own little family down here."

Boarder Pass will celebrate its season grand opening on May 24.

In recent days, Smith and a few other wakeboarders and wakeskaters have been testin out the park's new rail at Sugarloaf Harbour Marina.

Boarder Pass parks are always expanding and changing, said Smith, to create a new experience for riders.

Lessons are offered by

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Season passes are \$600 plus tax.

The Roots Cable tour will stop at the Port Colborne

park on July 13.

For more information on Boarder Pass, locations, and rates go to [niagara-boarderpass.com](http://niagara-boarderpass.com).

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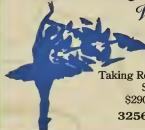


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